

Application No. 10/088,049
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REMARKS

In the office action of October 5, 2004, original claim 17 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over the CENTRUM product and description thereof. Reconsideration of this rejection is requested. On a closer look at the product description, CENTRUM contains iron in the form of Eisen-II-fumarat; i.e. ferrous fumarate. The present claims contain iron in its trivalent form, ferric salts are clearly claimed in original claim 17 and claimed in new claim 36 based on an amended form of former claim 17. All of the elements of the claimed inventions are not described in the CENTRUM product description; thus newly presented claim 36 is novel over this reference.

Favorable consideration of this supplemental amendment along with the amendment filed on January 5, 2005 is earnestly solicited.


A prompt and favorable reply is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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